

## **SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the Specification as follows:

- Page 1, please insert after the title and before the “Field of the Invention” section:

### **Cross Reference to Related Applications**

This application is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 U.S. national stage filing from PCT Application Ser. No. PCT/AU2004/001520 having international filing date of November 3, 2004, published in English on May 12, 2005 under Publication No. WO2005/042790, which claims priority from Application Ser. No. AU2003906041, filed November 3, 2003, which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

- On a separate page, page 21 (a separate copy of which is enclosed), please insert the following abstract:

### **LEACH EXTRACTION METHOD**

#### **Abstract Of The Invention**

There is provided a method for leach extraction of copper/iron/sulphur ores and concentrates including leaching the mineral with an aqueous stream containing ferric ions and sulphuric acid in the presence of oxygen, the aqueous stream including a solution formed by reaction of basic ferric sulphate with excess sulphuric acid. Integrated methods of forming and releaching basic ferric sulphate are also described.